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1. FAA DMINISTRATOR BUTTERFIELD HAD A BRIEF BUT PRODUCTIVE STAY IN EGYPT. DURING THE MORNING OF THE 7TH, HE AND THE MEMBER OF HIS PARTY SPENT AN HOUR WITH GENERAL YEHIA SHINNAWI, CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIAL AVIATION AUTHORITY, IN THE LATTER'S OFFICE. THE DISCUSSION COVERED A NUMBER OF GENREAL SUBJECTS OF INTERESTS TO THE PARTICIPANTS, IN PARTICULAR THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IN TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL ADVICE AND DOCUMENTATION AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONS OF TRAINING OPPORTUNTIES AND VISITING EXPERTS. THE FAA, THROUGH BOTH ITS HEADQUARTERS AND BRUSSELS OFFICES, IS TO BE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOUCH WITH GENERAL SHINNAWI ON THESE SUBJECTS.

- 2. AFTER THE ABOVE MEETING, MR. BUTTERFILED CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR TO REPORT ON HIS CONVERSATION AND OBTAIN AN OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL SITUATION IN EGYPT. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON AT THE AIRPORT GIVEN BY SHINNAWI AND KEY MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF FOR THE FAA VISITORS. THE ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT WAS MOST CONGENIAL AND CORDIAL. THE FORTHCOMING ICAO MEETINGS WILL BRING THE US AND EGYPTIAN SIDES TOGETHER AGAIN, AT LEAST IN PART.
- 3. COMMENT: IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS, MOST OF WHOM HAVE HAD VISITS AND/OR TRAINING COURSES IN THE US, WE HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED AT THE PROSPECT OF RESUMING WHAT WAS APPARENTLY A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICAL RELATIONSHIP.

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